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1. The Stalin Polytechnic College in Sofia is under the control of the KNIK (Komitet za Nauka, Izustvo, i Kultura: Committee for Science, Art, and Culture) and not subordinate to the Ministry of Education. The college, which is the only institution of its kind in Bulgaria, was founded in 1942. Its five departments are:

- a. Civil Engineering (bridges, power stations, highways, railroad lines, water reservoirs, sewers, etc.);
- b. Architecture;
- c. Mechanical Engineering (since 1946);
- d. Mining (since 1946); and
- e. Geodesy (since 1946).

The first two departments are housed at 2 (or 4) Dragan Tsankov Street, and the other three on Moskovska Street.

2. In 1945 the college was open to any student possessing a high school graduation certificate, and enrollment, most of which consisted of former soldiers, reached 3,000 in the Engineering Department and 2,000 in the Architecture Department. Since 1946, new students have had to pass examinations in mathematics, physics, and other basic subjects, and only 100 to 150 new students have been admitted to each department each year.
3. The social origin of a candidate is not a factor in the selection of students. However, while in 1945-1946 almost half the students were open opponents of the regime, today most appear to be completely identified with it.
4. The curriculum provides for five years of study in all departments. Because of the war the first graduation was not until 1948, and from that year to 1952 about 1500 students have been graduated from the Civil Engineering and Architecture Departments.

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5. Fees total 80 Leva per half year. Able students without means receive a monthly allowance of 240 to 350 Leva.
6. Since 1950, students have had to attend a course of military studies along with the other part of their training. Lectures are given by Army officers, and students attend field training during the summer recess.

7. The following members of the faculty

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- a. Balush Balushev, professor in and dean of the Civil Engineering Department;

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- b. Sazdo Ivanov, Rector of the college;

- c. Pezhtsho (sic) pop Petrov, professor in the Civil Engineering Department;

- d. Khristo Popov, professor in the Civil Engineering Department;

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- e. Feodor Radoslavov, professor in the Civil Engineering Department; an expert on power stations and water reservoirs; and

- f. Khristo Tsonev, professor in the Civil Engineering Department;

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